

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the pending claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A device for playing and storing several disc-shaped data carriers with changing facility, in particular CDs, CD-ROMs, and DVDs, with a playback unit designed for playing the a data carrier ~~and consisting substantially of a base plate, a frame plate, and springs and dampers arranged therebetween, a turntable arranged on the frame plate and supporting the data carrier, and a tensioning device for the data carrier, with a stacking unit serving for the intermediate storage of several data carriers and a loading unit serving for the bidirectional transport of the data carrier between the stacking unit and the playback unit as well as for moving the data carrier into and out of the device~~, wherein said device comprises a changing gear ~~is provided~~ which has two alternate drive outputs, the first drive output (2) being designed inter alia for the function of adjusting a control member (14) ~~which can be moved~~ is movable further from an extreme position of the first drive output (2) by means of a further drive, with the result that an adjustment member (4) carries out the a switching-over operation between the two alternate drive outputs.

2. (Currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a changing wheel (3) which is rotatably journaled ~~about a drive wheel (9)~~ on a pivoting lever (5) ~~can be adjusted~~ is adjustable by means of an adjustment member (4) which is kept in or brought into a first end position by a spring (6), as a result of which ~~the~~ a first output side (2) of the changing gear is in engagement.

3. (Currently amended) A device as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein the spring (6) is constructed as a leg spring whose second leg (6b) is supported against a frame (10), whose turn or turns is/are supported on a mandrel (8) of the adjustment member (4), and whose first leg (6a) in said first end position is also supported against the adjustment member (4), such that ~~the~~ a spring force acts with displacement effect on the adjustment member (4) from the second leg (6b) only, while the adjustment member (4) for the purpose of coupling the second outside side of the changing gear by means of a control element (14), which acts on the first leg (6a) of the spring (6) and compensates ~~the~~ a contact force thereof on the adjustment member (4), changes the balance of forces such that ~~the~~ a spring force between the control element member (14) and the adjustment member (4) becomes greater than ~~the~~ a spring force on the second leg (6b) and the frame (10), with the result that the adjustment member (4) moves toward the second end position until the second end position is reached, whereby the movement of the adjustment member (4) is blocked, whereas the first leg (6a) of the spring (6) is displaced further by the control element (14) and is thus lifted off the adjustment member (4) at point B.

4. (Currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a coupling region between the first output member (2) and the control member (14) is constructed such that the first output member (2) and the control member (14) ~~can move~~ are movable relative to one another in the direction of movement of the control member (14), and ~~the~~ a resulting clearance space is utilized for coupling and uncoupling ~~the~~ a first drive output side (2).

5. (Currently amended) A changing gear, in particular for a device for playing and storing several disc-shaped data carriers, wherein said changing gear has two alternate drive outputs, the first drive output (2) being designed inter alia for the function of adjusting a control member (14) which ~~can be moved~~ is movable further from an extreme position of the first drive output (2) by means of a further drive, with the result that an adjustment member (4) carries out ~~the~~ a switching-over operation between the two alternate drive outputs.

6. (Currently added) A device claimed in claim 2, wherein a coupling region between the first output member (2) and the control member (14) is constructed such that the first output member (2) and the control member (14) are movable relative to one another in the direction of movement of the control member (14), and a resulting clearance space is utilized for coupling and uncoupling a first drive output side (2).

7. (Currently added) A device claimed in claim 3, wherein a coupling region between the first output member (2) and the control member (14) is constructed such that the first output member (2) and the control member (14) are movable relative to one another in the direction of movement of the control member (14), and a resulting clearance space is utilized for coupling and uncoupling a first drive output side (2).

8. (Currently added) A changing gear as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a changing wheel (3) which is rotatably journaled on a pivoting lever (5) that is adjustable by means of an adjustment member (4) which is kept in or brought into a first end position by a spring (6), as a result of which a first output side (2) of the changing gear is in engagement.

9. (Currently added) A changing gear as claimed in claim 8, wherein the spring (6) is constructed as a leg spring whose second leg (6b) is supported against a frame (10), whose turn or turns is/are supported on a mandrel (8) of the adjustment member (4), and whose first leg (6a) in said first end position is also supported against the adjustment member (4), such that a spring force acts with displacement effect on the adjustment member (4) from the second leg (6b) only, while the adjustment member (4) for the purpose of coupling the second outside side of the changing gear by means of a control element (14), which acts on the first leg (6a) of the spring (6) and compensates a contact force thereof on the adjustment member (4), changes the balance of forces such that a spring force between the control member (14) and the adjustment member (4) becomes greater than a

spring force on the second leg (6b) and the frame (10), with the result that the adjustment member (4) moves toward the second end position until the second end position is reached; whereby the movement of the adjustment member (4) is blocked, whereas the first leg (6a) of the spring (6) is displaced further by the control element (14) and is thus lifted off the adjustment member (4) at point B.

10. (Currently added) A changing gear as claimed in claim 5, wherein a coupling region between the first output member (2) and the control member (14) is constructed such that the first output member (2) and the control member (14) are movable relative to one another in the direction of movement of the control member (14), and a resulting clearance space is utilized for coupling and uncoupling a first drive output side (2).

11. (Currently added) A changing gear as claimed in claim 8, wherein a coupling region between the first output member (2) and the control member (14) is constructed such that the first output member (2) and the control member (14) are movable relative to one another in the direction of movement of the control member (14), and a resulting clearance space is utilized for coupling and uncoupling a first drive output side (2).

12. (Currently added) A changing gear as claimed in claim 9, wherein a coupling region between the first output member (2) and the control member (14) is constructed such that the first output member (2) and the control member (14) are movable relative to one another in the direction of movement of the control member (14), and a resulting clearance space is utilized for coupling and uncoupling a first drive output side (2).

13. (Currently added) A method for operating a device for playing and storing several disc-shaped data carriers with changing facility, in particular CDs, CD-ROMs, and DVDs, with a playback unit designed for playing a data carrier, wherein the method comprises the steps of:

providing a changing gear in said device wherein said changing gear has two alternate drive outputs;

adjusting a control member (14) of the changing gear with the first drive output (2);

moving the control member (14) further from an extreme position of the first drive output (2) by means of a further drive; and

causing the adjustment member (4) to carry out a switching-over operation between the two alternate drive outputs.

14. (Currently added) A method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising the steps of:
providing a changing wheel (3) in said changing gear wherein said changing wheel (3) is
rotatably journaled on a pivoting level (5);

adjusting said changing wheel (3) with an adjustment member (4) of said changing gear
which is kept in or brought into a first end position by a spring (6); and

engaging the first output side (2) of said changing gear with said adjustment member (4).

15. (Currently added) A method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising the steps of:

constructing the spring (6) as a leg spring whose second leg (6b) is supported against a frame
(10), whose turn or turns is/are supported on a mandrel (8) of the adjustment member (4), and whose
first leg (6a) in said first end position is also supported against the adjustment member (4), such that
a spring force acts with displacement effect on the adjustment member (4) from the second leg (6b)
only, while the adjustment member (4) for the purpose of coupling the second outside side of the
changing gear by means of a control element (14), which acts on the first leg (6a) of the spring (6)
and compensates a contact force thereof on the adjustment member (4); changes the balance of forces
such that a spring force between the control member (14) and the adjustment member (4) becomes
greater than a spring force on the second leg (6b) and the frame (10);

moving the adjustment member (4) toward the second end position until the second end
position is reached, whereby the movement of the adjustment member (4) is blocked; and

further displacing the first leg (6a) of the spring (6) by the control element (14) and lifting off the adjustment member (4) at point B.

16. (Currently added) A method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising the steps of:
constructing a coupling region between the first output member (2) and the control member (14) such that the first output member (2) and the control member (14) are movable relative to one another in the direction of movement of the control member (14); and
utilizing a resulting clearance space for coupling and uncoupling a first drive output side (2).

17. (Currently added) A method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising the steps of:
constructing a coupling region between the first output member (2) and the control member (14) such that the first output member (2) and the control member (14) are movable relative to one another in the direction of movement of the control member (14); and
utilizing a resulting clearance space for coupling and uncoupling a first drive output side (2).

18. (Currently added) A method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising the steps of:
constructing a coupling region between the first output member (2) and the control member (14) such that the first output member (2) and the control member (14) are movable relative to one another in the direction of movement of the control member (14); and
utilizing a resulting clearance space for coupling and uncoupling a first drive output side (2).

19. (Currently added) A method as claimed in claim 15 further comprising the step of:
causing the adjustment member (4) to carry out a switching-over operation between the two
alternate drive outputs automatically without manual operation.

20. (Currently added) A method as claimed in claim 19 further comprising the step of:
causing the automatic switch-over to occur when a spring force between the control element and the
adjustment member becomes greater than a spring force of a second spring leg exerted on the frame
of the changing gear.